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EXAMINING GROUP 1732
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 3063.0396-02**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John E. EBY et al.)
Serial No.: 09/287,631) Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: April 7, 1999) Examiner: A. Kuhns
For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING) Confirmation No.: 6525
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE)
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL)
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the final Office Action of July 15, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed January 15, 2004, the period for response having been extended two months to May 15, 2004 by the petition and fee filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.